

Washington Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

2003 Tobacco Survey Results

Pierce County

What is your age?

n = 878

18 - 34	32.2%	(± 3.8%)
35 - 54	38.6	(± 3.7)
55 - 74	20.9	(± 2.8)
75+	8.3	(± 2.0)

Gender

n = 878

Male	45.1%	(± 3.9%)
Female	54.9	(± 3.9)

Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race...

n = 869

White	85.3%	(± 3.0%)
Black or African American	4.8	(± 1.6)
Asian	2.5	(± 1.1)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.9	(± 1.7)
American Indian, Alaska Native	1.5	(± 0.9)
Other race	3.0	(± 1.5)
No preferred race	0.9	(± 0.9)

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

n = 876

Yes	5.3%	(± 1.8%)
No	94.7	(± 1.8)

Marital status

n = 874

Married	56.1%	(± 3.9%)
Divorced	13.5	(± 2.4)
Widowed	6.3	(± 1.5)
Separated	1.4	(± 0.8)
Never been married	17.5	(± 3.4)
Or a member of an unmarried couple	5.1	(± 1.9)

How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

n = 876

None	57.9%	(± 3.9%)
1	17.7	(± 3.1)
2	15.1	(± 2.7)
3 or more	9.3	(± 2.8)

What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 877

Some high school or less	7.9%	(± 2.1%)
High school graduate or GED	29.6	(± 3.6)
Some college or technical school	33.7	(± 3.7)
College graduate or more	28.8	(± 3.4)

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Are you currently. . .	n = 875	
Employed for wages	53.7%	(± 3.9%)
Self-employed	6.9	(± 2.1)
Out of work	7.8	(± 2.8)
Homemaker	7.8	(± 1.9)
Student	3.9	(± 1.5)
Retired	15.7	(± 2.5)
Or unable to work	4.1	(± 1.5)

Annual household income from all sources	n = 777	
Less than \$20,000	13.3%	(± 2.7%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	45.8	(± 4.1)
\$50,000 or more	40.9	(± 4.0)

Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?	n = 1506	
Yes	49.0%	(± 2.9%)
No	51.0	(± 2.9)

<i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life:</i>		
Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?	n = 753	
Everyday	33.5%	(± 4.0%)
Some days	13.1	(± 2.9)
Not at all	54.5	(± 4.1)

<i>Among current smokers:</i>		
During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?	n = 322	
Yes	52.4%	(± 6.4%)
No	47.6	(± 6.4)

Current cigarette smoking prevalence:	n = 1506	
(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	22.8%	(± 2.5%)

<i>Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes:</i>		
Did you smoke any cigarettes during the past 30 days?	n = 429	
Yes	51.2%	(± 5.4%)
No	48.8	(± 5.4)

<i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i>		
On how many days of the past 30 days did you smoke cigarettes?	n = 197	
Less than 30 days	32.2%	(± 7.9%)
30 days	67.8	(± 7.9)

<i>Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:</i>		
On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke, on the days that you do smoke?	n = 198	
Average:	10.6	(± 1.3)

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff?	n = 867	
Yes	18.2%	(± 3.3%)
No	81.8	(± 3.3)

Among those that have ever tried smokeless tobacco:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?	n = 133	
None	86.2%	(± 7.0%)
Less than 30 days	6.0	(± 4.9)
30 days	7.8	(± 5.3)

Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:	n = 867	
(any use in past 30 days among the whole population)	2.5%	(± 1.3%)

Do you currently smoke tobacco in a pipe?	n = 867	
Yes	1.3%	(± 1.8%)
No	98.7	(± 1.8)

In the past month, have you smoked a cigar, even just a puff?	n = 867	
Yes	4.9%	(± 2.3%)
No	95.1	(± 2.3)

In the past month, have you smoked bidis?	n = 866	
Yes	0.7%	(± 0.8%)
No	99.3	(± 0.8)

In the past month, have you smoked clove cigarettes?	n = 866	
Yes	0.9%	(± 0.8%)
No	99.1	(± 0.8)

Current tobacco use (all types of tobacco)	n = 868	
Current daily tobacco user	28.0%	(± 3.6%)
Current non-tobacco user	72.0	(± 3.6)

Among former smokers:

About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, daily?	n = 231	
Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)	0.5%	(± 1.1%)
Within the past 3 months (1-3 months ago)	1.3	(± 1.5)
Within the past 6 months (3-6 months ago)	1.2	(± 1.3)
Within the past year (6-12 months ago)	3.1	(± 2.8)
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	15.5	(± 5.3)
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	28.6	(± 6.6)
More than 15 years ago	47.1	(± 7.1)
Never used regularly	2.6	(± 2.1)

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Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day? n = 217

Average: 19.9 (± 2.0)

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation? n = 221

Yes 32.1% (± 7.3%)

No 67.9 (± 7.3)

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco from the Internet? n = 222

Yes 1.0% (± 1.2%)

No 99.0 (± 1.2)

Among current tobacco users:

During the past month, did you buy tobacco outside the state to save money - not just because you were traveling? n = 222

Yes 3.2% (± 2.6%)

No 96.8 (± 2.6)

Among current/former tobacco users:

People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco. n = 429

Strongly agree 41.7% (± 5.4%)

Somewhat agree 16.5 (± 4.7)

Somewhat disagree 24.2 (± 4.9)

Strongly disagree 17.6 (± 4.1)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a family member or friend advised you to quit, if ever? n = 427

Within the past year (1-12 months) 44.1% (± 5.6%)

Within the past three years (1-3 years) 3.1 (± 1.9)

3 or more years ago 27.2 (± 4.9)

They never advised me to quit 25.6 (± 4.5)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DOCTOR or other healthcare provider advised you to quit, if ever? n = 436

Within the past year (1-12 months) 28.2% (± 4.9%)

Within the past three years (1-3 years) 8.7 (± 3.5)

3 or more years ago 19.7 (± 4.1)

They never advised me to quit 43.3 (± 5.5)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DENTIST advised you to quit, if ever?	n = 435	
Within the past year (1-12 months)	13.3%	(± 3.8%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	2.7	(± 1.7)
3 or more years ago	7.7	(± 3.0)
They never advised me to quit	76.2	(± 4.7)

Among those advised to quit:

Did the health care professional who advised to quit offer any help, or refer you to a source of help to quit tobacco use?	n = 257	
Yes	51.8%	(± 7.0%)
No	48.2	(± 7.0)

Among current/former tobacco users:

How many times in your life have you seriously tried to quit using tobacco?	n = 397	
0	12.5%	(± 4.1%)
1-2	48.3	(± 5.8)
3-5	24.2	(± 4.9)
6 or more	15.1	(± 5.1)

**About how long has it been since you last visited a DOCTOR for a routine
checkup?** n = 859

Within the past year (1-12 months ago)	76.9%	(± 3.5%)
Within the past two years (1-2 years ago)	13.3	(± 3.0)
Within the past 3 years (2-3 years ago)	3.2	(± 1.4)
Within the past 5 years (3-5 years ago)	2.7	(± 1.2)
5 or more years ago	2.8	(± 1.2)
Never	1.0	(± 0.8)

**What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is
it coverage through. . .** n = 757

Your employer	44.4%	(± 4.1%)
Someone else's employer	15.6	(± 3.0)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	7.6	(± 1.9)
Medicare	15.5	(± 2.8)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	3.1	(± 1.4)
The military, CHAMPUS, or the VA	13.3	(± 3.0)
The Indian Health Service	0.1	(± 0.2)
Some other source	0.4	(± 0.5)

Among current and recent former smokers:

**Within the past year, have you heard about any programs in your community to
help you quit using tobacco, such as classes, support groups or counseling
services?** n = 205

Yes	55.4%	(± 8.2%)
No	44.6	(± 8.2)

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, did you participate in any kind of program, class or group to help you quit using tobacco?		n = 205
Yes	4.1%	(± 2.8%)
No	95.9	(± 2.8)

Among current and recent former smokers with health care coverage:

Does your health care insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills or other medications?		n = 161
Yes	34.6%	(± 8.3%)
No	25.9	(± 7.5)
Don't know/Not sure	39.4	(± 8.7)

Among current and recent former smokers:

During the past year, did you use nicotine patches, pills or other medication to help you quit using tobacco?		n = 205
Yes	14.3%	(± 5.0%)
No	85.7	(± 5.0)

Among current and recent former smokers:

Have you heard about the Washington State "Quit-Line" - a telephone support service to help people quit using tobacco?		n = 203
Yes	53.7%	(± 8.3%)
No	46.3	(± 8.3)

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Have you called the Quit line?		n = 109
Yes	5.6%	(± 5.4%)
No	94.4	(± 5.4)

Among current tobacco users:

Would you like to quit using tobacco?		n = 212
Yes	62.2%	(± 7.8%)
No	37.8	(± 7.8)

Among current tobacco users who would like to quit:

Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months?		n = 128
Yes	85.0%	(± 7.2%)
No	15.0	(± 7.2)

Among current tobacco users considering quitting within 6 months:

Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days?		n = 119
Yes	46.5%	(± 11.2%)
No	41.1	(± 11.6)
Don't know/Not sure	12.4	(± 6.7)

Are you currently registered to vote?		n = 855
Yes	81.9%	(± 3.3%)
No	18.1	(± 3.3)

Which of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .		n = 862
No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	81.6%	(± 3.1%)
Smoking is allowed at some places or at some times	9.1	(± 2.2)
Smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	9.3	(± 2.4)

How many people, including you, who live in your household currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?		n = 866
No current smokers in household	61.6%	(± 3.9%)
1	24.2	(± 3.4)
2	10.5	(± 2.9)
3 or more	3.6	(± 1.8)

On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?		n = 861
None	83.9%	(± 3.1%)
Less than 30	5.4	(± 1.6)
30 days	10.6	(± 2.9)

If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?		n = 858
Yes	10.9%	(± 2.7%)
No	89.1	(± 2.7)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .		n = 501
Office	43.3%	(± 4.9%)
Store	6.8	(± 2.4)
Restaurant or Bar	3.5	(± 1.9)
Warehouse or factory	12.0	(± 3.5)
Home/Someone elses home	8.5	(± 3.0)
Outdoors	6.8	(± 2.6)
Car or truck	4.3	(± 2.2)
Classroom	7.4	(± 2.3)
Hospital	4.5	(± 1.9)
Somewhere else	2.9	(± 1.8)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Some or all indoor work areas?		n = 501
Yes	7.1%	(± 2.8%)
No	92.9	(± 2.8)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Employee lunchrooms or lounges? n = 503

Yes	3.9%	(± 2.2%)
No	96.1	(± 2.2)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . A different designated indoor smoking area? n = 502

Yes	5.9%	(± 2.5%)
No	94.1	(± 2.5)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

In a typical week, how many hours would you say that you are in a room or car with secondhand smoke while you are at work? n = 493

None	82.8%	(± 3.9%)
Less than one hour	10.3	(± 3.1)
One hour or more	6.9	(± 2.6)

In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . . n = 853

Not at all annoying to you	10.0%	(± 2.3%)
A little bit annoying	12.4	(± 2.6)
Somewhat annoying	19.1	(± 3.0)
Very annoying to you	58.5	(± 3.8)

Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . . n = 843

Not at all harmful	2.1%	(± 1.1%)
A little bit harmful	6.1	(± 1.9)
Somewhat harmful	18.9	(± 3.0)
Very harmful	72.8	(± 3.4)

All people should be protected from secondhand smoke. n = 831

Strongly agree	62.6%	(± 3.9%)
Somewhat agree	23.6	(± 3.6)
Somewhat disagree	7.4	(± 1.9)
Strongly disagree	6.4	(± 1.9)

All children should be protected from secondhand smoke. n = 849

Strongly agree	90.8%	(± 2.2%)
Somewhat agree	5.5	(± 1.7)
Somewhat disagree	1.7	(± 1.0)
Strongly disagree	2.0	(± 1.1)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in restaurants? n = 862

Yes	70.1%	(± 3.6%)
No	27.0	(± 3.5)
Don't know/Not sure	2.9	(± 1.3)

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in bars and lounges?		n = 860
Yes	36.9%	(± 3.7%)
No	56.0	(± 3.8)
Don't know/Not sure	7.1	(± 1.9)

Do you think that smoking should be completely banned in outdoor public areas where children may be present?		n = 864
Yes	55.9%	(± 3.9%)
No	38.1	(± 3.8)
Don't know/Not sure	6.0	(± 2.5)

Local law enforcement officials should place a high priority on enforcing laws that ban the possession of tobacco products by minors.		n = 842
Strongly agree	59.1%	(± 3.9%)
Somewhat agree	21.5	(± 3.4)
Somewhat disagree	11.5	(± 2.4)
Strongly disagree	7.9	(± 2.2)

The city or town where you live should establish as many strong rules and laws as possible to protect nonsmokers, including children, from secondhand smoke.		n = 829
Strongly agree	50.6%	(± 4.0%)
Somewhat agree	28.4	(± 3.7)
Somewhat disagree	11.9	(± 3.0)
Strongly disagree	9.1	(± 2.3)

School officials should make sure that all children receive anti-tobacco education.		n = 852
Strongly agree	83.5%	(± 3.0%)
Somewhat agree	11.6	(± 2.6)
Somewhat disagree	1.7	(± 0.9)
Strongly disagree	3.2	(± 1.5)

Tobacco use by adults should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events.		n = 854
Strongly agree	86.6%	(± 2.8%)
Somewhat agree	7.5	(± 2.0)
Somewhat disagree	2.1	(± 1.1)
Strongly disagree	3.8	(± 1.9)

Have you seen or heard about any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to prevent or reduce tobacco use among youth?		n = 819
Yes	43.9%	(± 4.0%)
No	56.1	(± 4.0)

Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:

Have you participated in any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to help reduce tobacco use among youth? n = 393

Yes	18.3%	(± 4.1%)
No	81.7	(± 4.1)

Among people who have seen or heard of community efforts/activities:

To your knowledge, has there been a local anti-tobacco or anti-smoking organization working in your community over the past few years? n = 394

Yes	31.1%	(± 5.2%)
No	40.7	(± 5.9)
Don't know/Not sure	28.2	(± 5.2)

Among people who know of anti-tobacco organizations in their community:

Do you approve of what this local organization is doing to prevent tobacco use and help people quit? n = 122

Definitely yes	72.9%	(± 8.8%)
Probably yes	21.2	(± 8.0)
Probably no	1.3	(± 1.9)
Definitely no	4.6	(± 4.5)

There are more negative things than positive things about smoking.

n = 854

Strongly agree	88.5%	(± 2.9%)
Somewhat agree	8.5	(± 2.6)
Somewhat disagree	1.3	(± 1.1)
Strongly disagree	1.7	(± 1.0)

Smoking sometimes makes a person more attractive.

n = 845

Strongly agree	0.9%	(± 0.7%)
Somewhat agree	1.0	(± 0.7)
Somewhat disagree	7.3	(± 2.6)
Strongly disagree	90.8	(± 2.7)

There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference.

n = 838

Strongly agree	8.7%	(± 3.0%)
Somewhat agree	6.3	(± 2.0)
Somewhat disagree	8.1	(± 2.2)
Strongly disagree	76.9	(± 3.7)

Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?

n = 843

Yes	18.0%	(± 3.1%)
No	82.0	(± 3.1)

Do you currently have a piece of clothing, or other item that has a tobacco brand or logo on it?	n = 854	
Yes	8.8%	(± 2.2%)
No	91.2	(± 2.2)

During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?	n = 849	
Yes	16.6%	(± 3.1%)
No	83.4	(± 3.1)

During the past year have you been somewhere, such as concert or special event, where tobacco companies were having a promotion - for example, giving away free samples or having a special give-away?	n = 845	
Yes	12.8%	(± 2.8%)
No	87.2	(± 2.8)

Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies.	n = 819	
Strongly agree	24.9%	(± 3.6%)
Somewhat agree	25.6	(± 3.4)
Somewhat disagree	13.6	(± 2.9)
Strongly disagree	35.9	(± 3.7)

Among people with children ages 12 to 17:

Which of the following best describes the way you have discussed the dangers of tobacco use with your child. . .	n = 106	
We have talked about the dangers of tobacco use many times	85.2%	(± 7.1%)
We have had at least one conversation that I can remember	9.4	(± 5.6)
I don't remember a specific conversation, but my child knows how I feel	4.4	(± 4.5)
For now, I have not talked with my child about the dangers of tobacco use	1.0	(± 1.6)

Among people with children ages 12 to 17:

Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?	n = 106	
Yes	94.3%	(± 4.7%)
No	5.7	(± 4.7)